

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Claim 10 has been amended to correct a typographical error. In accordance with the request to participate in the patent prosecution highway (PPH), claims 6, 11 and 16 have been amended, and claim 21 has been added so that the claims correspond to the allowed claims of the corresponding Japanese patent application.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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